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SALE OF HISTORIC “YELLOW HOUSE” APPROVED *Preservation Covenant Included in Agreement*

Herndon, VA (March 12, 2008) – The Herndon Town Council has passed an ordinance that approves the sale of the Yellow House, an historic structure that has served as a landmark to travelers on the W&OD Railroad and, later, to pedestrians and bikers entering the Town of Herndon via the W&OD Trail.

Bonnie Sue Groff, a resident of the unincorporated area of Herndon located in Fairfax County, will purchase the Yellow House from the Town for \$103,000. A condition of the sale is adherence to a covenant that mandates the preservation, maintenance and protection of the house and its lot in a manner consistent with the Town’s Heritage Preservation Guidelines, thereby ensuring preservation of its historic attributes and significance.

Following closing of the sale, anticipated to occur no later than July 15, 2008, Groff will be responsible for affixing the Yellow House, currently resting on supports, to a .23-acre parcel of land, located at the intersection of Oak and Pearl Streets and included in the purchase. She will renovate the house and will use it as a single family residence, the purpose for which it is intended.

The Yellow House dates to approximately 1870. It functioned as a schoolhouse in the late 1800s and briefly housed the Fortnightly Club Library before serving as a private home. The house was moved from its original location at around the time of World War I, and was moved again in April 2006 by the Town of Herndon to its current, temporary location directly adjacent to the W&OD Trail.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people. *Business Week* Magazine has named Herndon one of the nation's "Best Affordable Suburbs."

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